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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN BONN

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE TRANSCRIPTS OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY AND BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL DURING JOINT APPEARANCES DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BONN.

2. STATEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR AND THE SECRETARY AT 11:45 A.M. MARCH 4 AFTER THEIR TALKS AT BRANDT'S RESIDENCE.

BRANDT: (ORIGINAL IN GERMAN; EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

WE HAVE CARRIED ON VERY FRIENDLY AND FRUITFUL TALKS WITH THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER. I THINK I MAY SAY, DR. KISSINGER, THAT WE WERE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR YOUR IMPRESSIONS FROM THE AREA OF CRISIS ABOUT WHICH YOU HAVE CONCERNED YOURSELF SO INTENSIVELY. THIS IS FOR US HERE IN GERMANY AND IN EUROPE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND WE FOLLOW WITH GREAT INTEREST WHETHER AND TO WHAT DEGREE DEVELOPMENTS ASSURING PEACE MAY BE PROMOTED. AND WE WISH OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS AND THE OTHERS INVOLVED IN

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THIS ALL POSSIBLE SUCCESS. OF COURSE, WE HAVE SPOKEN

ABOUT WEST EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ABOUT EAST-WEST QUESTIONS, AND A LITTLE ABOUT DIRECT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE GOOD. I BELIEVE I MAY SAY THAT. AND ABOUT BERLIN WHICH REMAINS ALWAYS A SUBJECT OF COMMON INTEREST AND COMMON CONCERN. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR VISIT HERE IN BONN, MR. SECRETARY.

DR. KISSINGER (AS DELIVERED): "HERR BUNDESKANZLER, ES IST IMMER EINE GROSSE PERSOENLICHE FREUDE FUER MICH, EINEN MEINUNGSAUSTAUSCH MIT DEM BUNDESKANZLER ZU HABEN. UND ES IST AUCH VON GROESSTER WICHTIGKEIT FUER DIE POLITIK UNSERER REGIERUNG. WIR LEGEN DEN GROESSTEN WERT AUF DIE ENGSTEN BEZIEHUNGEN ZWISCHEN DER BUNDESREPUBLIK UND DEN VEREINIGTEN STAATEN UND ZWISCHEN WESTEUROPA UND DEN VEREINIGTEN STAATEN. WIR UNTERSTUETZEN DIE EUROPAEISCHE GEMEINSCHAFT UND WIR SEHEN EUROPAEISCHE EINIGKEIT UND ATLANTISCHE PARTNERSCHAFT ALS KOMPLIMENTAER UND NICHT ALS GEGENSAETZLICH AN. UNSERE GESPRAECHE WAREN VON UNSEREM STANDPUNKT AUS SEHR ERFOLGREICH. IN DEN BILATERALEN VERHAELTNISSEN HATTEN WIR EINIGE SCHWIERIGKEITEN, PROBLEME ZU FINDEN. UND ICH GEHE ZURUECK NACH AMERIKA MIT DEM BEWUSSTSEIN, DASS DIE BEZIEHUNGEN ZWISCHEN DER BUNDESREPUBLIK UND DEN VEREINIGTEN STAATEN AUF DER ALTEN FREUNDSCHAFT BASIEREN UND SEHR FEST SIND UND DASS AUCH DIE VERHAELTNISSE WESTEUROPAS ZU DEN VEREINIGTEN STAATEN IN EINER POSITIVEN RICHTUNG SICH ENTWICKELN WERDEN. VIELEN DANK

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, DO YOU HAVE A STATEMENT FOR U.S. TELEVISION IN ENGLISH (LAUGHTER)?

DR. KISSINGER: I DID THIS IN A RATHER DARING MANNER IN GERMAN, RECOGNIZING THAT I HAVE REACHED A STATE WHERE I SPEAK NO LANGUAGE WITHOUT AN ACCENT. IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH THE CHANCELLOR WHOM I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS AND WHOSE COURAGE AND VISION ALL OF US ADMIRE ENORMOUSLY. IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL RREPUBLICI THAT WE EXCHANGE IDEAS REGULARLY AND CONSULT CAREFULLY ABOUT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS. THE CHANCELLOR HAS ALREADY DESCRIBED THE SUBJECTS WHICH WE DISCUSSED, AS A REPORT

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BY ME TO THE CHANCELLOR ABOUT MY TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THE PROBLEM OF BERLIN. WE ALSO DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND I POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD SOME SLIGHT DIFFICULTY FINDING PROBLEMS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS TO DISCUSS. THE CONVERSATION WAS CONDUCTED IN THE SPIRIT OF CORDIALITY AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH

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CHARACTERIZE UNITED STATES-GERMAN RELATIONSHIPS. AND I GO BACK TO THE UNITED STATES WITH THE CONVICTION THAT OUR RELATIONS ARE ON A VERY FIRM BASIS AND THAT WEST EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL ALSO TAKE A VERY POSITIVE EVOLUTION.

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT, WAHN/ AIRPORT, MARCH 4: (AS DELIVERED) "I'VE ALREADY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE CHANCELLOR AFTER I LEFT THE CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE. SO ALL I'LL SAY HERE IS THAT I AM VERY SATISFIED WITH THE TALKS WE'VE HAD; THAT THEY STRENGTHEN THE ALREADY GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND REAFFIRM THE STRONG TIES BETWEEN A UNITED EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU."

4. WESTGERMAN TELEVISION CARRIED MARCH 3 FILMED REPORTS MADE AT THE BUNGALOW OF THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL. FOLLOWING ARE THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATIONS OF THE TWO REPORTS, WHICH ORIGINALLY WERE IN GERMAN.

FIRST GERMAN TELEVISION, 8 P.M. NEWS:

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QUESTION: HERR MINISTER, YOU HAVE JUST HAD AN HOUR OF DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUE FROM THE UNITED STATES. HAVE THERE BEEN ASPECTS NEW TO YOU OR HAVE YOU JUST CONTINUED THE DISCUSSIONS WHERE YOU LEFT THEM RECENTLY?

SCHEEL: THERE WERE, OF COURSE, QUITE A NUMBER OF NEW ASPECTS BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUE, DR. KISSINGER, ARRIVED HERE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE HE TRIED TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR LASTING PEACE. AND THIS HAS BEEN EXCITING INFORMATION FOR ME.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU DISCUSSED BILATERAL QUESTIONS ALREADY?

SCHEEL: EUROPEAN QUESTIONS IN ANY CASE WHICH, IN REGARD TO THE UNITED STATES, COULD BE CALLED BILATERAL QUESTIONS. BUT HERE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF DISCUSSIONS.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, YOU CERTAINLY DON'T DON'T HAVE THE MOST PLEASANT RECOLLECTIONS IN REGARD TO EUROPE WHEN YOU RECALL THE ENERGY CONFERENCE. DO YOU HAVE A CONCEPT THAT COULD LEAD OUT OF THE ALLEY INTO WHICH EUROPE HAD COME WHEN EFFORTS WERE MADE AT THAT CONFERENCE TO OVERCOME THE ENERGY CRISIS?

DR. KISSINGER: NO, I HAVE FRIENDLY RECOLLECTIONS IN REGARD TO EUROPE. WE WORK VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH EIGHT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS. IN OUR VIEW, PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AMERICA AND EUROPE IS NOT CONTRADICTORY TO EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. AND WE HOPE EUROPEAN UNIFICATION WILL CONTINUE, IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, TOO.

QUESTION: ABOUT A YEAR AGO YOU SAID 1973 SHOULD BE THE YEAR OF EUROPE. WE ARE NOW IN 1974. WHEN DO YOU BELIEVE WILL BE REALIZED WHAT YOU ENVISAGED AT THAT TIME?

DR. KISSINGER: I SAID ON APRIL 23, 1973, THAT THE YEAR OF EUROPE WAS BEGINNING. WE HAVE SIX WEEKS LEFT.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU THINK YOUR SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION HERE WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE SHARING OF DEFENSE BURDENS?

DR. KISSINGER: I AM CONVINCED WE WILL DISCUSS THAT SINCE IT IS A QUESTION CONCERNING NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY BUT ALSO A EUROPEAN-AMERICAN PROBLEM.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU CONCRETE IDEAS?

DR. KISSINGER: I HAVE GENERAL IDEAS. THIS WILL NOT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MAIN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION.

QUESTION: WHAT WILL BE THE MAIN SUBJECT?

DR. KISSINGER: I WILL SPEAK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT MY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND ABOUT GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES AND BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES.

QUESTION: ARE YOU VISITING CHIEFLY THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY?

DR. KISSINGER: CHIEFLY THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER. BUT I AM GLAD HE ALSO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND THAT HE CAN REPORT WHAT I TELL HIM TO HIS COLLEAGUES TOMORROW.

5. SECOND GERMAN TELEVISION, 9:05 P.M. NEWS:

QUESTION (TO KISSINGER): ARE YOU VISITING SCHEEL CHIEFLY IN HIS CAPACITY OF FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE "EUROPEAN" SCHEEL?

DR. KISSINGER: CHIEFLY FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL, BUT ALSO THE EUROPEAN SCHEEL. AND I AM GLAD THE

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DR. KISSINGER: IT IS ENVISAGED THAT, WHEN THESE VARIOUS DECLARATIONS ARE FINISHED -- WHICH CERTAINLY

WILL BE DONE SUCCESSFULLY -- HE WILL COME TO EUROPE
TO SIGN THEM.
QUESTION: ARE THERE PLANS CONCERNING THE DATE?
DR. KISSINGER. NOT YET.

6. A TRANSCRIPT OF THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT,
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